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Reported from the Committee on Civil and Administrative Law, April 26, 2000, with recommendation that the House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 944 Do Pass.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 475.060 and 475.070, RSMo 1994, and sections 160.261, 160.522, 165.011, 165.016, 167.020, 167.115, 167.117, 167.171 and 170.250, RSMo Supp. 1999, relating to school safety, and to enact in lieu thereof fourteen new sections relating to the same subject, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 475.060 and 475.070, RSMo 1994, and sections 160.261, 160.522, 165.011, 165.016, 167.020, 167.115, 167.117, 167.171 and 170.250, RSMo Supp. 1999, are repealed and fourteen new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 160.261, 160.522, 160.660, 165.011, 165.016, 167.020, 167.115, 167.117, 167.171, 170.250, 475.060, 475.070, 569.155 and 574.150, to read as follows:

160.261. 1. The local board of education of each school district shall clearly establish a written policy of discipline, including the district's determination on the use of corporal punishment and the procedures in which punishment will be applied. A written copy of the district's discipline policy and corporal punishment procedures, if applicable, shall be provided to the pupil and parent or legal guardian of every pupil enrolled in the district at the beginning of each school year and also made available in the office of the superintendent of such district, during normal business hours, for public inspection. All employees of the district shall annually receive instruction related to the specific contents of the policy of discipline and any interpretations necessary to implement the provisions of the policy in the course of their duties, including but not limited to approved methods of dealing with acts of school violence, disciplining students with disabilities and instruction in the necessity and requirements for confidentiality.

2. The policy shall require school administrators to report acts of school violence to teachers and other school district employees with a need to know. For the purposes of this act, "need to know" is defined as school personnel who are directly responsible for the student's education or who otherwise interact with the student on a professional basis while acting within the scope of their assigned duties. As used in this section, the phrase "act of school violence" or "violent behavior" means the exertion of physical force by a student with the intent to do serious physical injury as defined in subdivision (6) of section

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

565.002, RSMo, to another person while on school property, including a school bus in service on behalf of the district, or while involved in school activities. The policy shall at a minimum require school administrators to report, as soon as reasonably practical, to the appropriate law enforcement agency any of the following felonies, or any act which if committed by an adult would be one of the following felonies:

- (1) First degree murder under section 565.020, RSMo;
- (2) Second degree murder under section 565.021, RSMo;
- (3) Kidnapping under section 565.110, RSMo;
- (4) First degree assault under section 565.050, RSMo;
- (5) Forcible rape under section 566.030, RSMo;
- (6) Forcible sodomy under section 566.060, RSMo;
- (7) Burglary in the first degree under section 569.160, RSMo;
- (8) Burglary in the second degree under section 569.170, RSMo;
- (9) Robbery in the first degree under section 569.020, RSMo;
- (10) Distribution of drugs under section 195.211, RSMo;
- (11) Distribution of drugs to a minor under section 195.212, RSMo;
- (12) Arson in the first degree under section 569.040, RSMo;
- (13) Voluntary manslaughter under section 565.023, RSMo;
- (14) Involuntary manslaughter under section 565.024, RSMo;
- (15) Second degree assault under section 565.060, RSMo;
- (16) Sexual assault under section 566.040, RSMo;
- (17) Felonious restraint under section 565.120, RSMo;
- (18) Property damage in the first degree under section 569.100, RSMo; or
- (19) The possession of a weapon under chapter 571, RSMo;

committed on school property, including but not limited to actions on any school bus in service on behalf of the district or while involved in school activities. The policy shall require that any portion of a student's individualized education program that is related to demonstrated or potentially violent behavior shall be provided to any teacher and other school district employees who are directly responsible for the student's education or who otherwise interact with the student on an educational basis while acting within the scope of their assigned duties. The policy shall also contain the consequences of failure to obey standards of conduct set by the local board of education, and the importance of the standards to the maintenance of an atmosphere where orderly learning is possible and encouraged.

3. The policy shall provide for a suspension for a period of not less than one year, or expulsion, for a student who is determined to have brought a weapon to school, **including but not limited to, the school playground or the school parking lot, brought a weapon on a school bus or brought a weapon to a school activity whether on or off of the school property** in violation of district policy, except that:

(1) The superintendent, or in a school district with no high school, the principal of the school which such child attends may modify such suspension on a case-by-case basis; and

(2) This section shall not prevent the school district from providing educational services in an alternative setting to a student suspended under the provisions of this section.

4. For the purpose of this section, the term "weapon" shall mean a "firearm" as defined under 18

U.S.C. 921 and the following items, as defined in section 571.010, RSMo: a blackjack, a concealable firearm, an explosive weapon, a firearm, a firearm silencer, a gas gun, a knife, knuckles, a machine gun, a projectile weapon, a rifle, a shotgun, a spring gun or a switchblade knife; except that this section shall not be construed to prohibit a school board from adopting a policy to allow a Civil War reenactor to carry a Civil War era weapon on school property for educational purposes so long as the firearm is unloaded. The local board of education shall define "weapon" in the discipline policy. Such definition shall include the weapons defined in this subsection but may also include other weapons.

5. All school district personnel responsible for the care and supervision of students are authorized to hold every pupil strictly accountable for any disorderly conduct in school or on any property of the school, on any school bus going to or returning from school, during school-sponsored activities, or during intermission or recess periods.

6. Teachers and other authorized district personnel in public schools responsible for the care, supervision, and discipline of school children, including volunteers selected with reasonable care by the school district, shall not be civilly liable when acting in conformity with the established policy of discipline developed by each board under this section.

7. Each school board shall define in its discipline policy acts of violence and any other acts that constitute a serious violation of that policy. Acts of violence as defined by school boards shall include but not be limited to exertion of physical force by a student with the intent to do serious bodily harm to another person while on school property, including a school bus in service on behalf of the district, or while involved in school activities. School districts shall for each student enrolled in the school district, compile and maintain records of any serious violation of the district's discipline policy. Such records shall be made available to teachers and other school district employees with a need to know while acting within the scope of their assigned duties, and shall be provided as required in section 167.020, RSMo, to any school district in which the student subsequently attempts to enroll.

8. Spanking, when administered by certificated personnel of a school district in a reasonable manner in accordance with the local board of education's written policy of discipline, is not abuse within the meaning of chapter 210, RSMo. The provisions of sections 210.110 to 210.165, RSMo, notwithstanding, the division of family services shall not have jurisdiction over or investigate any report of alleged child abuse arising out of or related to any spanking administered in a reasonable manner by any certificated school personnel pursuant to a written policy of discipline established by the board of education of the school district. Upon receipt of any reports of child abuse by the division of family services pursuant to sections 210.110 to 210.165, RSMo, which allegedly involves personnel of a school district, the division of family services shall notify the superintendent of schools of the district or, if the person named in the alleged incident is the superintendent of schools, the president of the school board of the school district where the alleged incident occurred. If, after an initial investigation, the superintendent of schools or the president of the school board finds that the report involves an alleged incident of child abuse other than the administration of a spanking by certificated school personnel pursuant to a written policy of discipline or a report made for the sole purpose of harassing a public school employee, the superintendent of schools or the president of the school board shall immediately refer the matter back to the division of family services and take no further action. In all matters referred back to the division of family services, the division of family services shall treat the report in the same manner as other reports of alleged child abuse received by the division. If the report pertains to an alleged incident which arose out of or is related to a spanking administered by certificated personnel of a school district pursuant to a written policy of discipline or a

report made for the sole purpose of harassing a public school employee, a notification of the reported child abuse shall be sent by the superintendent of schools or the president of the school board to the juvenile officer of the county in which the alleged incident occurred. The report shall be jointly investigated by the juvenile officer or a law enforcement officer designated by the juvenile officer and the superintendent of schools or, if the subject of the report is the superintendent of schools, by the juvenile officer or a law enforcement officer designated by the juvenile officer and the president of the school board or such president's designee. The investigation shall begin no later than forty-eight hours after notification from the division of family services is received, and shall consist of, but need not be limited to, interviewing and recording statements of the child and the child's parents or guardian within two working days after the start of the investigation, of the school district personnel allegedly involved in the report, and of any witnesses to the alleged incident. The juvenile officer or a law enforcement officer designated by the juvenile officer and the investigating school district personnel shall issue separate reports of their findings and recommendations after the conclusion of the investigation to the school board of the school district within seven days after receiving notice from the division of family services. The reports shall contain a statement of conclusion as to whether the report of alleged child abuse is substantiated or is unsubstantiated. The school board shall consider the separate reports and shall issue its findings and conclusions and the action to be taken, if any, within seven days after receiving the last of the two reports. The findings and conclusions shall be made in substantially the following form:

(1) The report of the alleged child abuse is unsubstantiated. The juvenile officer or a law enforcement officer designated by the juvenile officer and the investigating school board personnel agree that the evidence shows that no abuse occurred;

(2) The report of the alleged child abuse is substantiated. The juvenile officer or a law enforcement officer designated by the juvenile officer and the investigating school district personnel agree that the evidence is sufficient to support a finding that the alleged incident of child abuse did occur;

(3) The issue involved in the alleged incident of child abuse is unresolved. The juvenile officer or a law enforcement officer designated by the juvenile officer and the investigating school personnel are unable to agree on their findings and conclusions on the alleged incident.

9. The findings and conclusions of the school board shall be sent to the division of family services. If the findings and conclusions of the school board are that the report of the alleged child abuse is unsubstantiated, the investigation shall be terminated, the case closed, and no record shall be entered in the division of family services central registry. If the findings and conclusions of the school board are that the report of the alleged child abuse is substantiated, the division of family services shall report the incident to the prosecuting attorney of the appropriate county along with the findings and conclusions of the school district and shall include the information in the division's central registry. If the findings and conclusions of the school board are that the issue involved in the alleged incident of child abuse is unresolved, the division of family services shall report the incident to the prosecuting attorney of the appropriate county along with the findings and conclusions of the school board, however, the incident and the names of the parties allegedly involved shall not be entered into the central registry of the division of family services unless and until the alleged child abuse is substantiated by a court of competent jurisdiction.

10. Any superintendent of schools, president of a school board or such person's designee, or juvenile officer who knowingly falsifies any report of any matter pursuant to this section or who knowingly withholds any information relative to any investigation or report pursuant to this section is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

160.522. 1. [By July 1, 1996,] The state board of education shall adopt a policy for the public reporting of information by school districts on an annual basis. The school district reports shall be distributed to all media outlets serving the district, and shall be made available to all district patrons, and to each member of the general assembly representing a legislative district which contains a portion of the school district.

2. The department of elementary and secondary education shall develop multiple reporting models which may be used by school districts for their public reports. The information reported shall include, but not be limited to, enrollment, rates of pupil attendance, high school dropout rate, **the rates and durations of, and reasons for, suspensions and expulsions of pupils**, staffing ratios, including the district ratio of students to all teachers, to administrators, and to classroom teachers, the average years of experience of professional staff and advanced degrees earned, student achievement as determined through the assessment system developed pursuant to section 160.518, student scores on the SAT or ACT, along with the percentage of students taking each test, average teachers' and administrators' salaries compared to the state averages, average salaries of noncertificated personnel compared to state averages, average per pupil expenditures for the district as a whole and for each building in the district which has pupils at the same grade level as another building in the district, voted and adjusted tax rates levied, assessed valuation, percent of the district operating budget received from state, federal, and local sources, extracurricular activities offered and the costs associated with each activity, the number of students eligible for free or reduced lunch, school calendar information, including the number of days and hours for student attendance, parent-teacher conferences, and staff development or in-service training, data on course offerings and rates of participation in parent-teacher conferences, special education programs, early childhood special education programs, parents as teachers programs, vocational education programs, gifted or enrichment programs, and advanced placement programs, data on the number of students continuing their education in postsecondary programs and information about job placement for students who complete district vocational education programs, and the district's most recent accreditation by the state board of education, including measures for school improvement.

3. The public reporting shall permit the disclosure of data on a school by school basis, but the reporting shall not be personally identifiable to any student or education professional in the state.

4. [Beginning July 1, 1996,] The annual report made by the state board of education pursuant to section 161.092, RSMo, shall include a summary of school districts accredited, provisionally accredited, and unaccredited under the Missouri school improvement program, including an analysis of standards met and not met, and an analysis of state program assessment data collected pursuant to section 160.526, describing the kinds of tasks students can perform.

160.660. 1. On or before July 1, 2001, the state board of education shall add to any school facilities and safety criteria developed for the Missouri school improvement program provisions that require:

(a) Each school district's designated safety coordinator to have a thorough knowledge of all federal, state and local school violence prevention programs and resources available to students, teachers or staff in the district; and

(b) Each school district to fully utilize all such programs and resources that the local school board or its designee determines are necessary and cost-effective for the school district.

2. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated pursuant to this section shall take effect unless such rule has been promulgated pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo.

165.011. 1. The following funds are created for the accounting of all school moneys: teachers' fund, incidental fund, free textbook fund, capital projects fund and debt service fund. The treasurer of the school district shall open an account for each fund specified in this section, and all moneys received from the county school fund and all moneys derived from taxation for teachers' wages shall be placed to the credit of the teachers' fund. All tuition fees, state moneys received under sections 162.975, RSMo, and 163.031, RSMo, and all other moneys received from the state except as herein provided shall be placed to the credit of the teachers' and incidental funds at the discretion of the district board of education. The portion of state aid received by the district pursuant to section 163.031, RSMo, based upon the portion of the tax rate in the debt service or capital projects fund, respectively, which is included in the operating levy for school purposes pursuant to section 163.011, RSMo, shall be placed to the credit of the debt service fund or capital projects fund, respectively. Money received from other districts for transportation, and money derived from taxation for incidental expenses shall be credited to the incidental fund. Money apportioned for free textbooks shall be credited to the free textbook fund. All money derived from taxation or received from any other source for the erection of buildings or additions thereto and the remodeling or reconstruction of buildings and the furnishing thereof, for the payment of lease-purchase obligations, for the purchase of real estate, or from sale of real estate, schoolhouses or other buildings of any kind, or school furniture, from insurance, from sale of bonds other than refunding bonds shall be placed to the credit of the capital projects fund. All moneys derived from the sale or lease of sites, buildings, facilities, furnishings and equipment by a school district as authorized under section 177.088, RSMo, shall be credited to the capital projects fund. Money derived from taxation for the retirement of bonds and the payment of interest thereon shall be credited to the debt service fund which shall be maintained as a separate bank account. Receipts from delinquent taxes shall be allocated to the several funds on the same basis as receipts from current taxes, except that where the previous years' obligations of the district would be affected by such distribution, the delinquent taxes shall be distributed according to the tax levies made for the years in which the obligations were incurred. All refunds received shall be placed to the credit of the fund from which the original expenditures were made. Money donated to the school districts shall be placed to the credit of the fund where it can be expended to meet the purpose for which it was donated and accepted. Money received from any other source whatsoever shall be placed to the credit of the fund or funds designated by the board.

2. The school board may expend from the incidental fund the sum that is necessary for the ordinary repairs of school property and an amount not to exceed the sum of expenditures for classroom instructional capital outlay, as defined by the department of elementary and secondary education by rule, in state-approved area vocational-technical schools and .06 dollars per one hundred dollars equalized assessed valuation multiplied by the guaranteed tax base for the second preceding year multiplied by the number of resident and nonresident eligible pupils educated in the district for the second preceding year for classroom instructional capital outlay, including but not limited to payments authorized pursuant to section 177.088, RSMo. Any and all payments authorized under section 177.088, RSMo, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, for the purchase or lease of sites, buildings, facilities, furnishings and equipment and all other expenditures for capital outlay shall be made from the capital projects fund. If a balance remains in the free textbook fund after books are furnished to pupils as provided in section 170.051, RSMo, it shall be transferred to the teachers' fund. The board may transfer the portion of the balance remaining in the incidental fund to the teachers' fund that is necessary for the total payment of all contracted obligations to teachers. If a balance remains in the debt service fund, after the total outstanding indebtedness

for which the fund was levied is paid, the board may transfer the unexpended balance to the capital projects fund. If a balance remains in the bond proceeds after completion of the project for which the bonds were issued, the balance shall be transferred from the incidental or capital projects fund to the debt service fund. After making all placements of interest otherwise provided by law, a school district may transfer from the capital projects fund to the incidental fund the interest earned from undesignated balances in the capital projects fund. **All other sections of the law notwithstanding, a school district may transfer from the incidental fund to the capital projects fund an amount equal to the capital expenditures for school safety and security purposes.** A school district may borrow from one of the following funds: teachers' fund, incidental fund or capital projects fund, as necessary to meet obligations in another of those funds; provided that the full amount is repaid to the lending fund within the same fiscal year.

3. Tuition shall be paid from either the teachers' or incidental funds.

4. Other provisions of law to the contrary notwithstanding, the school board of a school district that satisfies the criteria specified in subsection 5 of this section may transfer from the incidental fund to the capital projects fund an amount not to exceed the greater of zero or the sum of .18 dollars per one hundred dollars equalized assessed valuation multiplied by the guaranteed tax base for the second preceding year multiplied by the number of resident and nonresident eligible pupils educated in the district for the second preceding year and the amount to be expended for transportation equipment that is considered an allowable cost under state board of education rules for transportation reimbursements during the current year and any amount necessary to satisfy obligations of the capital projects fund for state-approved area vocational-technical schools and an amount not to exceed .06 dollars per one hundred dollars equalized assessed valuation multiplied by the guaranteed tax base for the second preceding year multiplied by the number of resident and nonresident eligible pupils educated in the district for the second preceding year less any amount transferred pursuant to subsection 7 of this section, provided that any amount transferred pursuant to this subsection shall only be transferred as necessary to satisfy obligations of the capital projects fund less any amount expended from the incidental fund for classroom instructional capital outlay pursuant to subsection 2 of this section. For the purposes of this subsection, the guaranteed tax base and a district's count of resident and nonresident eligible pupils educated in the district shall not be less than their respective values calculated from data for the 1992-93 school year.

5. In order to transfer funds pursuant to subsection 4 of this section, a school district shall:

(1) Meet the minimum criteria for state aid and for increases in state aid for the current year established pursuant to section 163.021, RSMo;

(2) Not incur a total debt, including short-term debt and bonded indebtedness in excess of ten percent of the guaranteed tax base for the preceding payment year multiplied by the number of resident and nonresident eligible pupils educated in the district in the preceding year;

(3) Set tax rates pursuant to section 164.011, RSMo;

(4) First apply any voluntary rollbacks or reductions to the total tax rate levied to the teachers' and incidental funds;

(5) In order to be eligible to transfer funds for paying lease purchase obligations:

(a) Incur such obligations, except for obligations for lease purchase for school buses, prior to January 1, 1997;

(b) Limit the term of such obligations to no more than twenty years;

(c) Limit annual installment payments on such obligations to an amount no greater than the amount of the payment for the first full year of the obligation, including all payments of principal and interest, except

that the amount of the final payment shall be limited to an amount no greater than two times the amount of such first-year payment;

(d) Limit such payments to leasing nonathletic, classroom, instructional facilities as defined by the state board of education through rule; and

(e) Not offer instruction at a higher grade level than was offered by the district on July 12, 1994.

6. A school district shall be eligible to transfer funds pursuant to subsection 7 of this section if:

(1) Prior to August 28, 1993:

(a) The school district incurred an obligation for the purpose of funding payments under a lease purchase contract authorized under section 177.088, RSMo;

(b) The school district notified the appropriate local election official to place an issue before the voters of the district for the purpose of funding payments under a lease purchase contract authorized under section 177.088, RSMo; or

(c) An issue for funding payments under a lease purchase contract authorized under section 177.088, RSMo, was approved by the voters of the district; or

(2) Prior to November 1, 1993, a school board adopted a resolution authorizing an action necessary to comply with subsection 9 of section 177.088, RSMo. Any increase in the operating levy of a district above the 1993 tax rate resulting from passage of an issue described in paragraph (b) of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be considered as part of the 1993 tax rate for the purposes of subsection 1 of section 164.011, RSMo.

7. Prior to transferring funds pursuant to subsection 4 of this section, a school district may transfer, pursuant to this subsection, from the incidental fund to the capital projects fund an amount as necessary to satisfy an obligation of the capital projects fund that satisfies at least one of the conditions specified in subsection 6 of this section, but not to exceed its payments authorized under section 177.088, RSMo, for the purchase or lease of sites, buildings, facilities, furnishings, equipment, and all other expenditures for capital outlay, plus the amount to be expended for transportation equipment that is considered an allowable cost under state board of education rules for transportation reimbursements during the current year plus any amount necessary to satisfy obligations of the capital projects fund for state-approved area vocational-technical schools. A school district with a levy for school purposes no greater than the minimum levy specified in section 163.021, RSMo, and an obligation in the capital projects fund that satisfies at least one of the conditions specified in subsection 6 of this section, may transfer from the incidental fund to the capital projects fund the amount necessary to meet the obligation plus the transfers pursuant to subsection 4 of this section.

8. Beginning in the 1995-96 school year, the department of elementary and secondary education shall deduct from a school district's state aid calculated pursuant to section 163.031, RSMo, an amount equal to the amount of any transfer of funds from the incidental fund to the capital projects fund performed during the previous year in violation of this section; except that the state aid shall be deducted in equal amounts over the five school years following the school year of an unlawful transfer provided that:

(1) The district shall provide written notice to the state board of education, no later than June first of the first school year following the school year of the unlawful transfer, stating the district's intention to comply with the provisions of subdivisions (1) to (4) of this subsection and have state aid deducted for that unlawful transfer over a five-year period;

(2) On or before September first of the second school year following the school year of the unlawful transfer, the district shall approve an increase to the district's operating levy for school purposes

to the greater of: two dollars and seventy-five cents per one hundred dollars assessed valuation or the levy which produces an increase in total state and local revenues, as determined by the department, in comparison to the first school year following the school year of the unlawful transfer which is equal to or greater than the amount of state aid to be deducted pursuant to this subsection each school year for such unlawful transfer, provided that increases required pursuant to this subdivision for subsequent unlawful transfers shall be made in comparison to the latter tax rate described in this subdivision;

(3) During each school year after the school year in which the operating levy is increased pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection and in which state aid is deducted pursuant to subdivisions (1) to (4) of this subsection, the district shall maintain an operating levy for school purposes which produces total state and local revenues for the district which are no less than the total state and local revenues produced by the levy required pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection;

(4) During each school year state aid is deducted pursuant to subdivisions (1) to (4) of this subsection except for the 1998-99 school year, the district shall maintain compliance with the requirements of section 165.016 without any recourse to waivers or base-year adjustments and without the option to demonstrate compliance based upon the district's fund balances; and

(5) If, in any school year state aid is deducted pursuant to subdivisions (1) to (4) of this subsection, the district fails to comply with any requirement of subdivisions (1) to (4) of this subsection, the full, remaining amount of state aid to be deducted pursuant to this subsection shall be deducted from the district's state aid payments by the department during such school year.

9. On or before June 30, 1999, a school district may transfer to the capital projects fund from the balances of the teachers' and incidental funds any amount, but only to the extent that the amount transferred is equal to or less than the amount that the teachers' and incidental funds' unrestricted balances on June 30, 1995, exceeded eight percent of expenditures from the teachers' and incidental funds for the year ending June 30, 1995.

10. (1) Other provisions of law to the contrary notwithstanding, a school district which satisfies all conditions specified in subdivision (2) of this subsection may make the transfer allowed in subdivision (3) of this subsection.

(2) To make the transfer allowed under subdivision (3) of this subsection, a school district shall:

(a) Have a membership count for school year 1997-98 which is at least sixteen percent greater than the district's membership count for the 1991-92 school year; and

(b) Have passed a full waiver of Proposition C tax rate rollback pursuant to section 164.013, RSMo, or approved an increase to the district's tax rate ceiling on or after June 1, 1994; and

(c) Be in compliance or have paid all penalties required pursuant to section 165.016 for the 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 school years without waiver or adjustment of the base school year certificated salary percentage; and

(d) After all transfers, have a remaining balance on June 30, 1998, in the combined teachers' and incidental funds which is no less than ten percent of the combined expenditures from those funds for the 1997-98 school year.

(3) A district which satisfies all of the criteria specified in paragraphs (a) to (d) of subdivision (2) of this subsection may, on or before June 30, 1998, make a one-time combined transfer from the teachers' and incidental funds to the capital projects fund of an amount no greater than the sum of the following amounts:

(a) The product of the district's equalized assessed valuation for 1994 times the difference of the

district's equalized operating levy for school purposes for 1994 minus the district's equalized operating levy for school purposes for 1993;

(b) The product of the district's equalized assessed valuation for 1995 times the difference of the district's equalized operating levy for school purposes for 1995 minus the district's equalized operating levy for school purposes for 1993;

(c) The product of the district's equalized assessed valuation for 1996 times the difference of the district's equalized operating levy for school purposes for 1996 minus the district's equalized operating levy for school purposes for 1993;

(d) The product of the district's equalized assessed valuation for 1997 times the difference of the district's equalized operating levy for school purposes for 1997 minus the district's equalized operating levy for school purposes for 1993; provided that the remaining balance in the incidental fund shall be no less than twelve percent of the total expenditures during that fiscal year from the incidental fund.

(4) A district which makes a transfer pursuant to subdivision (3) of this subsection shall be subject to compliance with the requirements of section 165.016 for fiscal years 1999, 2000 and 2001, without the option to request a waiver or an adjustment of the base school year certificated salary percentage.

(5) Other provisions of section 165.016 to the contrary notwithstanding, the transfer of an amount of funds from either the teachers' or incidental funds to the capital projects fund pursuant to subdivision (3) of this subsection shall not be considered an expenditure from the teachers' or incidental fund for the purpose of determining compliance with the provisions of subsections 1 and 2 of section 165.016.

11. In addition to other transfers authorized under subsections 1 to 9 of this section, a district may transfer from the teachers' and incidental funds to the capital projects fund the amount necessary to repay costs of one or more guaranteed energy savings performance contracts to renovate buildings in the school district; provided that the contract is only for energy conservation measures, as defined in section 640.651, RSMo, and provided that the contract specifies that no payment or total of payments shall be required from the school district until at least an equal total amount of energy and energy-related operating savings and payments from the vendor pursuant to the contract have been realized by the school district.

165.016. 1. A school district shall expend as a percentage of current operating cost, for tuition, teacher retirement and compensation of certificated staff, a percentage that is for the 1994-95 and 1995-96 school years, no less than three percentage points less than the base school year certificated salary percentage and for the 1996-97 school year, no less than two percentage points less than the base school year certificated salary percentage. A school district may exclude transportation **and school safety and security** expenditures from the current operating cost calculation of the base year and the year or years for which the compliance percentage is calculated. The base school year certificated salary percentage shall be the two-year average percentage of the 1991-92 and 1992-93 school years except as otherwise established by the state board under subsection 4 of this section; except that, for any school district experiencing, over a period of three consecutive years, an average yearly increase in average daily attendance of at least three percent, the base school year certificated salary percentage may be the two-year average percentage of the last two years of such period of three consecutive years, at the discretion of the school district.

2. Beginning with the 1997-98 school year, a school district shall:

(1) Expend, as a percentage of current operating cost, as determined in subsection 1 of this section, for tuition, teacher retirement and compensation of certificated staff, a percentage that is no less than two percentage points less than the base school year certificated salary percentage; or

(2) For any year in which no payment of a penalty is required for the district under subsection 6 of this section, have an unrestricted fund balance in the combined incidental and teachers' funds on June thirtieth which is equal to or less than ten percent of the combined expenditures for the year from those funds.

3. Beginning with the 1999-2000 school year:

(1) As used in this subsection, "fiscal instructional ratio of efficiency" or "FIRE" means the quotient of the sum of the district's current operating costs, as defined in section 163.011, RSMo, for all kindergarten through grade twelve direct instructional and direct pupil support service functions plus the costs of improvement of instruction and the cost of purchased services and supplies for operation of the facilities housing those programs, and excluding student activities, divided by the sum of the district's current operating cost for kindergarten through grade twelve, plus all tuition revenue received from other districts minus all noncapital transportation **and school safety and security** costs;

(2) A school district shall show compliance with this section in school year 1998-99 and thereafter by the method described in subsections 1 and 2 of this section, or by maintaining or increasing its fiscal instructional ratio of efficiency compared to its FIRE for the 1997-98 base year.

4. (1) The state board of education may exempt a school district from the requirements of this section upon receiving a request for an exemption by a school district. The request shall show the reason or reasons for the noncompliance, and the exemption shall apply for only one school year. Requests for exemptions under this subdivision may be resubmitted in succeeding years;

(2) A school district may request of the state board a one-time, permanent revision of the base school year certificated salary percentage. The request shall show the reason or reasons for the revision.

5. Any school district requesting an exemption or revision under subsection 4 of this section must notify the certified staff of the district in writing of the district's intent. Prior to granting an exemption or revision, the state board shall consider comments from certified staff of the district. The state board decision shall be final.

6. Any school district which is determined by the department to be in violation of the requirements of subsection 1 or 2 of this section, or both, shall compensate the building level administrative staff and nonadministrative certificated staff during the year following the notice of violation by an additional amount which is equal to one hundred ten percent of the amount necessary to bring the district into compliance with this section for the year of violation. In any year in which a penalty is paid, the district shall pay the penalty specified in this subsection in addition to the amount required under this section for the current school year.

7. Any additional transfers from the teachers' or incidental funds to the capital projects funds beyond the transfers authorized by state law and state board policy in effect on January 1, 1996, shall be considered expenditures from the teachers' or incidental fund for the purpose of determining compliance with the provisions of subsections 1, 2 and 3 of this section.

8. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any district receiving state aid pursuant to subsection 6 of section 163.031, RSMo, based on its 1992-93 payment amount per eligible pupil, which is less than fifty percent of the statewide average payment amount per eligible pupil paid during the previous year.

167.020. 1. As used in this section, the term "homeless child" shall mean a person less than twenty-one years of age who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence, including a child who:

(1) Is living on the street, in a car, tent, abandoned building or some other form of shelter not designed as a permanent home;

- (2) Is living in a community shelter facility;
- (3) Is living in transitional housing for less than one full year.

2. In order to register a pupil, the parent or legal guardian of the pupil or the pupil himself or herself shall provide, at the time of registration, one of the following:

(1) Proof of residency in the district. Except as otherwise provided in section 167.151, the term "residency" shall mean that a person both physically resides within a school district and is domiciled within that district. The domicile of a minor child shall be the domicile of a parent or court-appointed legal guardian; or

(2) Proof that the person registering the student has requested a waiver under subsection 3 of this section within the last forty-five days. In instances where there is reason to suspect that admission of the pupil will create an immediate danger to the safety of other pupils and employees of the district, the superintendent or the superintendent's designee may convene a hearing within three working days of the request to register and determine whether or not the pupil may register.

3. Any person subject to the requirements of subsection 2 of this section may request a waiver from the district board of any of those requirements on the basis of hardship or good cause. Under no circumstances shall athletic ability be a valid basis of hardship or good cause for the issuance of a waiver of the requirements of subsection 2 of this section. The district board shall convene a hearing as soon as possible, but no later than forty-five days after receipt of the waiver request made under this subsection or the waiver request shall be granted. The district board may grant the request for a waiver of any requirement of subsection 2 of this section. The district board may also reject the request for a waiver in which case the pupil shall not be allowed to register. Any person aggrieved by a decision of a district board on a request for a waiver under this subsection may appeal such decision to the circuit court in the county where the school district is located.

4. Any person who knowingly submits false information to satisfy any requirement of subsection 2 of this section is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

5. In addition to any other penalties authorized by law, a district board may file a civil action to recover, from the parent or legal guardian of the pupil, the costs of school attendance for any pupil who was enrolled at a school in the district and whose parent or legal guardian filed false information to satisfy any requirement of subsection 2 of this section.

6. Subsection 2 of this section shall not apply to a pupil who is a homeless child or a pupil attending a school not in the pupil's district of residence as a participant in an interdistrict transfer program established under a court-ordered desegregation program, a pupil who is a ward of the state and has been placed in a residential care facility by state officials, a pupil who has been placed in a residential care facility due to a mental illness or developmental disability, a pupil attending a school pursuant to sections 167.121 and 167.151, a pupil placed in a residential facility by a juvenile court, a pupil with a disability identified under state eligibility criteria if the student is in the district for reasons other than accessing the district's educational program, or a pupil attending a regional or cooperative alternative education program or an alternative education program on a contractual basis.

7. Within forty-eight hours of enrolling a pupil, the school official enrolling a pupil, including any special education pupil, shall request those records required by district policy for student transfer and those discipline records required by subsection 7 of section 160.261, RSMo, from all schools previously attended by the pupil within the last twelve months. Any school district that receives a request for such records from another school district enrolling a pupil that had previously attended a school in such district

shall respond to such request within five business days of receiving the request. [Other than according to the provisions of subsection 2 of section 160.261, RSMo, or in response to a subpoena in a pending civil or criminal action, no personally identifiable student records, however maintained, shall be made available to:

- (1) Any person who is not employed by the school district or another school district; or
- (2) Any governmental entity other than a school district or juvenile or family court, unless the school district has obtained within the current school year and has on file prior written permission of the parent, guardian or other custodian of a student under the age of eighteen or by the student if the student is eighteen years of age or older, and no personally identifiable student records, shall be made available until after the parent, guardian, or the student, if eighteen years of age or older, has been notified and provided a period of at least three working days within which to view such records.

Any person found in violation of this subsection is guilty of a class B misdemeanor. Whenever any school entity fails to comply with these provisions, a parent may bring a civil action against the school district for attorney fees, litigation costs and damages. The state board of education shall establish rules to ensure the enforcement of the provisions of this subsection. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated under the authority of this section shall become effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to the provisions of section 536.024, RSMo.] **School districts may report or disclose education records to law enforcement and juvenile justice authorities if the disclosure concerns law enforcement's or juvenile justice authorities' ability to effectively serve, prior to adjudication, the student whose records are released. The officials and authorities to whom such information is disclosed must comply with applicable restrictions set forth in 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g (b)(1)(E).**

167.115. 1. Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 211, RSMo, or chapter 610, RSMo, to the contrary, the juvenile officer, **sheriff, chief of police, or other appropriate law enforcement authority** shall, as soon as reasonably practical, notify the superintendent, or the superintendent's designee, of the school district in which the pupil is enrolled when a petition is filed pursuant to subsection 1 of section 211.031, RSMo, alleging that the pupil has committed one of the following acts:

- (1) First degree murder under section 565.020, RSMo;
- (2) Second degree murder under section 565.021, RSMo;
- (3) Kidnapping under section 565.110, RSMo;
- (4) First degree assault under section 565.050, RSMo;
- (5) Forcible rape under section 566.030, RSMo;
- (6) Forcible sodomy under section 566.060, RSMo;
- (7) Burglary in the first degree under section 569.160, RSMo;
- (8) Robbery in the first degree under section 569.020, RSMo;
- (9) Distribution of drugs under section 195.211, RSMo;
- (10) Distribution of drugs to a minor under section 195.212, RSMo;
- (11) Arson in the first degree under section 569.040, RSMo;
- (12) Voluntary manslaughter under section 565.023, RSMo;
- (13) Involuntary manslaughter under section 565.024, RSMo;
- (14) Second degree assault under section 565.060, RSMo;
- (15) Sexual assault under section 566.040, RSMo;
- (16) Felonious restraint under section 565.120, RSMo;

- (17) Property damage in the first degree under section 569.100, RSMo; or
- (18) The possession of a weapon under chapter 571, RSMo.

2. The notification shall be made orally or in writing, in a timely manner, no later than five days following the filing of the petition. If the report is made orally, written notice shall follow in a timely manner. The notification shall include a complete description of the conduct the pupil is alleged to have committed and the dates the conduct occurred but shall not include the name of any victim. **Upon the disposition of any such case, the juvenile office or prosecuting attorney or their designee, must send a second notification to the superintendent providing the disposition of the case, including a brief summary of the relevant finding of facts, no later than five days following the disposition of the case.**

3. The superintendent or the designee of the superintendent shall report such information to teachers and other school district employees with a need to know while acting within the scope of their assigned duties. Any information received by school district officials pursuant to this section shall be received in confidence and used for the limited purpose of assuring that good order and discipline is maintained in the school. This information shall not be used as the sole basis for not providing educational services to a pupil. **The superintendent or the designee of the superintendent or other school employee who, in good faith, reports such information in accordance with the terms of this section and section 160.261, RSMo, shall not be civilly liable for providing such information.**

4. The superintendent shall notify the appropriate division of the juvenile or family court upon any pupil's suspension for more than ten days or expulsion of any pupil that the school district is aware is under the jurisdiction of the court.

5. The superintendent or the superintendent's designee may be called to serve in a consultant capacity at any dispositional proceedings pursuant to section 211.031, RSMo, which may involve reference to a pupil's academic treatment plan.

6. Upon the transfer of any pupil described in this section to any other school district in this state, the superintendent or the superintendent's designee shall forward the written notification given to the superintendent pursuant to subsection 2 of this section to the superintendent of the new school district in which the pupil has enrolled. Such written notification shall be required again in the event of any subsequent transfer by the pupil.

7. As used in this section, the terms "school" and "school district" shall include any charter, private or parochial school or school district, and the term "superintendent" shall include the principal or equivalent chief school officer in the cases of charter, private or parochial schools.

167.117. 1. In any instance when any person is believed to have committed an act which if committed by an adult would be assault in the first, second or third degree, sexual assault, or deviate sexual assault against a pupil or school employee, while on school property, including a school bus in service on behalf of the district, or while involved in school activities, the principal shall immediately report such incident to the appropriate local law enforcement agency and to the superintendent, except in any instance when any person is believed to have committed an act which if committed by an adult would be assault in the third degree and a written agreement as to the procedure for the reporting of such incidents of third degree assault has been executed between the superintendent of the school district and the appropriate local law enforcement agency, the principal shall report such incident to the appropriate local law enforcement agency in accordance with such agreement.

2. In any instance when a pupil is discovered to have on or about such pupil's person, or among

such pupil's possessions, or placed elsewhere on the school premises, **including but not limited to the school playground or the school parking lot, on a school bus or at a school activity whether on or off of school property** any controlled substance as defined in section 195.010, RSMo, or any weapon as defined in subsection 4 of section 160.261, RSMo, in violation of school policy, the principal shall immediately report such incident to the appropriate local law enforcement agency and to the superintendent.

3. In any instance when a teacher becomes aware of an assault as set forth in subsection 1 of this section or finds a pupil in possession of a weapon or controlled substances as set forth in subsection 2 of this section, the teacher shall immediately report such incident to the principal.

4. A school employee, superintendent or such person's designee who in good faith provides information to [police under subsection 1 or 2 of] **law enforcement or juvenile authorities pursuant to this section or section 160.261, RSMo**, shall not be civilly liable for providing such information.

5. Any school official responsible for reporting pursuant to this section or section 160.261, RSMo, who willfully neglects or refuses to perform this duty shall be subject to the penalty established pursuant to section 162.091, RSMo.

167.171. 1. The school board in any district, by general rule and for the causes provided in section 167.161, may authorize the summary suspension of pupils by principals of schools for a period not to exceed ten school days and by the superintendent of schools for a period not to exceed one hundred and eighty school days. In case of a suspension by the superintendent for more than ten school days, the pupil, the pupil's parents or others having such pupil's custodial care may appeal the decision of the superintendent to the board or to a committee of board members appointed by the president of the board which shall have full authority to act in lieu of the board. Any suspension by a principal shall be immediately reported to the superintendent who may revoke the suspension at any time. In event of an appeal to the board, the superintendent shall promptly transmit to it a full report in writing of the facts relating to the suspension, the action taken by the superintendent and the reasons therefor and the board, upon request, shall grant a hearing to the appealing party to be conducted as provided in section 167.161.

2. No pupil shall be suspended unless:

- (1) The pupil shall be given oral or written notice of the charges against such pupil;
- (2) If the pupil denies the charges, such pupil shall be given an oral or written explanation of the facts which form the basis of the proposed suspension;
- (3) The pupil shall be given an opportunity to present such pupil's version of the incident; and
- (4) In the event of a suspension for more than ten school days, where the pupil gives notice that such pupil wishes to appeal the suspension to the board, the suspension shall be stayed until the board renders its decision, unless in the judgment of the superintendent of schools, or of the district superintendent, the pupil's presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property or an ongoing threat of disrupting the academic process, in which case the pupil may be immediately removed from school, and the notice and hearing shall follow as soon as practicable.

3. No school board shall readmit or enroll a pupil properly suspended for more than ten consecutive school days for an act of school violence as defined in subsection 2 of section 160.261, RSMo, [or suspended or expelled pursuant to this section or section 167.161] or otherwise permit such pupil to attend school without first holding a conference to review the conduct that resulted in the expulsion or suspension and any remedial actions needed to prevent any future occurrences of such or related conduct. The conference shall include the appropriate school officials including any teacher employed in that district directly involved with the conduct that resulted in the suspension or expulsion, the pupil, the

parent or guardian of the pupil or any agency having legal jurisdiction, care, custody or control of the pupil. The school board shall notify in writing the parents or guardians and all other parties of the time, place, and agenda of any such conference. Failure of any party to attend this conference shall not preclude holding the conference. Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection to the contrary, no pupil shall be readmitted or enrolled to a regular program of instruction if:

- (1) Such pupil has been convicted of; or
- (2) An indictment or information has been filed alleging that the pupil has committed one of the acts enumerated in subdivision (4) of this subsection to which there has been no final judgment; or
- (3) A petition has been filed pursuant to section 211.091, RSMo, alleging that the pupil has committed one of the acts enumerated in subdivision (4) of this subsection to which there has been no final judgment; or
- (4) The pupil has been adjudicated to have committed an act which if committed by an adult would be one of the following:
 - (a) First degree murder under section 565.020, RSMo;
 - (b) Second degree murder under section 565.021, RSMo;
 - (c) First degree assault under section 565.050, RSMo;
 - (d) Forcible rape under section 566.030, RSMo;
 - (e) Forcible sodomy under section 566.060, RSMo;
 - (f) Robbery in the first degree under section 569.020, RSMo;
 - (g) Distribution of drugs to a minor under section 195.212, RSMo;
 - (h) Arson in the first degree under section 569.040, RSMo;
 - (i) Kidnapping, when classified as a class A felony under section 565.110, RSMo.

Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the readmittance or enrollment of any pupil if a petition has been dismissed, or when a pupil has been acquitted or adjudicated not to have committed any of the above acts. This subsection shall not apply to a student with a disability, as identified under state eligibility criteria, who is convicted or adjudicated guilty as a result of an action related to the student's disability. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit a school district which provides an alternative education program from enrolling a pupil in an alternative education program if the district determines such enrollment is appropriate.

4. If a pupil is attempting to enroll in a school district during a suspension or expulsion from another **in-state or out-of-state** school district **including a private, charter or parochial school or school district**, a conference with the superintendent or the superintendent's designee may be held at the request of the parent, court-appointed legal guardian, someone acting as a parent as defined by rule in the case of a special education student, or the pupil to consider if the conduct of the pupil would have resulted in a suspension or expulsion in the district in which the pupil is enrolling. Upon a determination by the superintendent or the superintendent's designee that such conduct would have resulted in a suspension or expulsion in the district in which the pupil is enrolling or attempting to enroll, the school district may make such suspension or expulsion from another **school or** district effective in the district in which the pupil is enrolling or attempting to enroll. Upon a determination by the superintendent or the superintendent's designee that such conduct would not have resulted in a suspension or expulsion in the district in which the student is enrolling or attempting to enroll, the school district shall not make such suspension or expulsion effective in its district in which the student is enrolling or attempting to enroll.

170.250. 1. The "Video Instructional Development and Educational Opportunity Program" is established to encourage all educational institutions in Missouri to supplement educational opportunities through telecommunications technology and satellite broadcast instruction. The program established by this section is to be administered by the state board of education. The program shall consist of:

(1) Grants to local school districts, state-supported institutions of higher education and public television stations as defined in section 37.205, RSMo, for equipment and instruction;

(2) Instructional programs developed pursuant to this section and transmitted through the airwaves, over telephone lines, or by cable television which are available for all residents of this state without charge as defined in this section; and

(3) Instructional programs developed pursuant to this section which are available to any subscriber according to this section.

2. The "Video Instructional Development and Educational Opportunity Fund" is established in the state treasury and shall be administered by the department of elementary and secondary education at the direction of the state board of education. Moneys deposited in the fund shall consist of revenues generated from state sales and use tax revenues as provided in chapter 144, RSMo, on the rental of films, records or any type of sound or picture transcriptions as provided in subsection 3 of this section **and shall include four million dollars transferred to the fund annually**. Moneys in the fund shall be used solely for purposes established by this section[, except that the department of revenue shall retain no more than one percent of sales tax revenues collected for its administrative costs and all administrative costs of this program incurred by the department of elementary and secondary education shall be paid from this fund, which costs shall not exceed two percent. The administrative fees of the department of revenue and the department of elementary and secondary education shall be determined annually in the appropriation process. Any unexpended balance in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall be exempt from the provisions of section 33.080, RSMo, relating to the transfer of unexpended balances to the general revenue fund.

3. Until December 31, 1994, the commissioner of administration shall annually estimate and furnish to the director of the department of revenue the appropriate amount of state tax revenues collected pursuant to chapter 144, RSMo, which are directly attributable to the rental of films, records or any type of sound or picture transcriptions. However, the estimate shall only include state sales and use tax revenues collected pursuant to chapter 144, RSMo, which are normally deposited in the state general revenue fund. The director of revenue shall transfer from state sales tax revenues an amount equal to the estimate to the fund provided in subsection 2 of this section. After December 31, 1994, the seller shall separately report on the return to the department of revenue, the aggregate amount of the gross receipts and the amount of tax collected on the rental of films, records or any type of sound or picture transcriptions. The director of revenue shall annually transfer state sales tax revenues collected on the rental of films, records or other type of sound or picture transcriptions, except revenues allocated to the school district trust fund pursuant to section 144.701, RSMo, to the video instructional development and educational opportunity fund].

[4.] 3. Within the department of elementary and secondary education, there is established an advisory committee which shall make recommendations to the state board of education on the grant program. The committee shall be composed of twenty-nine members. The members of the committee shall consist of one representative of public television stations as defined in section 37.205, RSMo, and one representative of the cable television industry appointed by the state board of education, one representative of public television stations as defined in section 37.205, RSMo, and one representative of the cable

television industry appointed by the coordinating board for higher education, three classroom teachers from the elementary and secondary level appointed by the state board of education, three school administrators of elementary or secondary schools appointed by the state board of education, three members of school boards of local public school districts appointed by the state board of education, four representatives from public community college districts appointed by the coordinating board for higher education, four representatives of state-supported institutions of higher education other than community colleges appointed by the coordinating board for higher education, one representative of the regional consortium for education and technology appointed by the state board of education, one representative of the cooperating school districts of the St. Louis suburban area appointed by the state board of education, two representatives of the public appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, two members of the senate appointed by the senate president pro tem and two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. Of all members appointed by the state board of education, no more than four shall be from any one congressional district and of all the members appointed by the coordinating board for higher education, no more than four shall be from any one congressional district. The members of the committee shall serve three-year terms and shall not serve more than two terms consecutively. However, committee members having served two consecutive terms may be reappointed after leaving the committee for at least one three-year term. On August 28, 1992, the committee shall designate nine of its members to serve a term of one year, ten of its members to serve a term of two years, and ten of its members to serve a term of three years. All subsequent appointments shall be for three years. All members shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for the actual and necessary expenses incurred while serving on the committee out of funds appropriated for that purpose. The committee shall meet at least quarterly and shall annually issue a report together with its recommendations to the state board of education and the general assembly.

[5.] 4. The state board of education may cooperate with existing programs including the University of Missouri, other institutions of higher education, the cooperating school districts of the St. Louis suburban area, or its successor organization, the regional consortium for education and technology or its successor organization, and any statewide organization of public school governing boards and may delegate or contract for the performance or operation of the respective grant programs. The state board of education shall establish appropriate guidelines for participation by the aforementioned entities and by school districts, community college districts, and public television stations as defined in section 37.205, RSMo, in the grant program. Such guidelines shall include application procedures and shall establish policies for awarding grants in the event that more grant applications are received than are funds available to honor the applications in any fiscal year. In allocating funds to applicants, the state board of education may give due consideration to revenues available from all other sources. The state board of education shall accredit courses offered through this program at the elementary and secondary education level. The coordinating board for higher education shall approve courses taught at the postsecondary level.

[6.] 5. In any fiscal year, moneys in the fund shall be used first to ensure that any and all school districts, community college districts and state institutions of higher education seeking aid under this program shall receive telecommunications equipment including computers and modems necessary to participate in the satellite learning process or instructional television video; second to provide the school districts, community college districts and state institutions of higher education with access to subjects at the advanced level or the remedial level or which are not taught in the schools of the district or the service area or campus, which subjects shall include courses in continuing education necessary for maintenance or renewal

of licenses for all such licensed health care providers; and third to provide enrichment classes for all pupils of the district. However, the state board of education may set aside a portion of the funds to be used to contract with state-supported institutions of higher education and public television stations as defined in section 37.205, RSMo, to develop instructional programs for grades kindergarten through twelve and for undergraduate and graduate course work suitable for broadcast to the school districts, community college districts and state institutions of higher education as appropriate and to develop the capability to transmit programs cited in this section.

[7.] 6. Participation by a local school district, a community college district or a state institution of higher education in the program established by this section shall be voluntary. No school district, community college district or state institution of higher education receiving funds under this program shall use those funds for any purpose other than that for which they were intended. Any school district, community college district or state institution of higher education shall be eligible to receive funds under this program regardless of its curriculum, local wealth or previous contractual arrangements to receive satellite broadcast instruction.

[8.] 7. The office of administration on behalf of the state of Missouri may contract with institutions of higher education for the development or operation or both of state employee training programs transmitted by telecommunications technology.

[9.] 8. Instructional programs developed pursuant to this section which are transmitted one way through the airwaves or by cable television shall be available to all residents of this state without charge or fee to the extent permitted by the Missouri Constitution. "Without charge or fee" shall not require the providing of equipment to transmit or receive telecommunications instruction or the providing of commercial cable television service. If the instructional program involves two-way, interactive communication between the instructor and the participant, the district or institution operating the program may prescribe academic prerequisites and limit the number of persons who may enroll in the specific program and give preference to residents of the district or institutional attendance area who are age twenty-one or younger but shall not discriminate against any resident on any other basis. A fee may be charged which shall be paid directly by the individual participant, but the fee shall be equal for all participants. If a subscription fee is charged by the originator of the program, the district or institution may pay the subscription fee for all participants from the grant pursuant to this section or from any other public or private fund legally authorized to be used for this purpose. Printed materials designed to facilitate or complement telecommunications programs or electronic reproductions thereof may be made available for loan by the school district, community college or institution of higher education through the public library system subject to the normal rules and regulations of the lending system and in such quantities as may be approved by the governing body of the district or institution. Instructional programs which involve two-way, interactive communication between the instructor and the participant shall also be available to any not for profit organization in this state which is exempt from taxation pursuant to subdivision (19) of subsection 2 of section 144.030, RSMo, upon payment of a reasonable subscription fee as determined by the state board of education. Such fees shall be set on a per-participant, per-course basis. The district or institution or the state board of education may make telecommunication equipment available for purchase at cost by or rental to any not for profit organization in this state which is exempt from taxation pursuant to subdivision (19) of subsection 2 of section 144.030, RSMo.

[10.] 9. (1) In order to facilitate or complement telecommunications, local exchange telecommunications companies shall file with the public service commission tariffs for provision of local

service to public school districts, and may file tariffs for provision of local service to accredited primary or secondary schools owned or operated by private entities and community college districts located within the local exchange telecommunications companies certified area. Such local exchange telecommunications companies shall seek commission authorization to provide local service at rates lower than those charged for business and residential service in effect when the tariff is filed, provided that the proposed rates may not be below the actual cost of providing the service. Upon approval of the public service commission, the rates shall not be classified as discriminatory for the purposes of chapter 392, RSMo.

(2) The public service commission may approve the tariff as submitted, or may, after hearing, modify the tariff in the public interest. The commission may promulgate rules to aid in the implementation of this section.

475.060. Any person may file a petition for the appointment of himself or some other qualified person as guardian of a minor or guardian of an incapacitated person. Such petition shall state:

(1) The name, age, domicile, actual place of residence and post-office address of the minor or incapacitated person if known and if any of these facts is unknown, the efforts made to ascertain that fact;

(2) The estimated value of his real and personal property;

(3) If the minor or incapacitated person has no domicile or place of residence in this state, the county in which the property or major part thereof of the minor or incapacitated person is located;

(4) The name and address of the parents of the minor or incapacitated person and whether they are living or dead;

(5) The name and address of the spouse, and the names, ages and addresses of all living children of the minor or incapacitated person;

(6) The name and address of the person having custody of the person of the minor or incapacitated person;

(7) The name and address of any guardian of the person or conservator of the estate of the minor or incapacitated person appointed in this or any other state;

(8) If appointment is sought for a natural person, other than the public administrator, the names and addresses of wards and disabled persons for whom such person is already guardian or conservator;

(9) In the case of an incapacitated person, the fact that the person for whom guardianship is sought is unable by reason of some specified physical or mental condition to receive and evaluate information or to communicate decisions to such an extent that the person lacks capacity to meet essential requirements for food, clothing, shelter, safety or other care such that serious physical injury, illness or disease is likely to occur;

(10) The reasons why the appointment of a guardian is sought;

(11) A petition for the appointment of a guardian of a minor may be filed for the sole and specific purpose of school registration or medical insurance coverage. Such a petition shall clearly set out this limited request and shall not be combined with a petition for conservatorship.

475.070. 1. Before appointing a guardian or conservator for a minor, notice of the petition therefor shall be served upon the following unless they have signed such petition or have waived notice thereof:

(1) The minor, if over fourteen years of age;

(2) The parents of the minor;

(3) The spouse of the minor;

(4) If directed by the court:

(a) Any person who has been appointed guardian or any person having care and custody of the minor;

(b) Any department, bureau or agency of the United States or of this state or any political subdivision thereof, which makes or awards compensation, pension, insurance or other allowance for the benefit of the ward's estate;

(c) Any department, bureau or agency of this state or any political subdivision thereof or any charitable organization of this state, which may be charged with the supervision, control or custody of the minor.

2. If the minor is over fourteen years of age, there shall be personal service upon him if personal service can be had. Service on others may be had in accordance with section 472.100, RSMo.

3. If a petition for the appointment of a guardian of a minor is filed for the sole and specific purpose of school registration or medical insurance coverage, upon the filing of an affidavit by the petitioner stating that, after due and diligent effort to the best of his or her ability, the whereabouts or identity of either or both parents of the minor remains unknown, the court may proceed with the appointment of such a guardian without having obtained service upon the parents of the minor.

569.155. 1. A person commits the crime of trespass of a school bus if he knowingly and unlawfully enters any part of or unlawfully operates any school bus.

2. Trespass of a school bus is a class A misdemeanor.

3. For the purposes of this section, the terms "unlawfully enters" and "unlawfully operates" refer to any entry or operation of a school bus which is not:

(1) Approved of and established in a school district's written policy on access to school buses; or

(2) Authorized by specific written approval of the school board.

4. Furthermore, to preserve the public order, any district which adopts the policies described in subsection 3 of this section shall establish and enforce a student behavior policy for students on school buses.

574.150. 1. A person commits the crime of making a terroristic threat if such person communicates a threat to commit a felony, a knowingly false report concerning the commission of any felony, or knowingly false report concerning the occurrence of any catastrophe:

(1) For the purpose of frightening or disturbing ten or more people;

(2) For the purpose of causing the evacuation or closure of any building, inhabitable structure, place of assembly or facility of transportation; or

(3) With reckless disregard of the risk of causing the evacuation or closure of any building, inhabitable structure, place of assembly or facility of transportation.

2. Making a terroristic threat is a class C felony unless committed under subdivision (3) of subsection 1 of this section in which case it is a class D felony.

3. As used in this section:

(1) The term "threat" means an express or implied threat but does not include a report made in good faith for the purpose of preventing harm; and

(2) The term "catastrophe" is defined by section 569.070, RSMo.